

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction

Applicants affirm the election of Group IV, claims 9-11.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

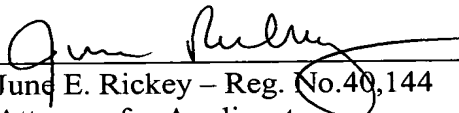
Claims 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The preamble of Claim 9 was amended to clarify the scope of protection of the claim. The antecedent basis of the weight sensor, computer control means were rectified in claims 10, 11 respectively.

35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Jackson. Applicants have amended claim 10 to clarify that the weight sensor is connected to the drum supporting shaft and the drive means. The weight sensor in Jackson is not connected to the drive means. For the foregoing reason, Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

In light of this amendment, all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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